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TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 Cedar Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Department of Human Services



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Director

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Dear Neighbor,

Each year, the Department of Human Services reaches out to our loyal neighbors for donations in support of our programs serving residents in need. While our present focus is the Holiday Food, Toy and Gift Program and Food Bank; **the economic crisis continues to cause a major increase in need for support of the Special Needs Fund which assists Newington residents throughout the year. Donations help households facing great financial hardship with emergency basic needs such as heat, utilities, housing and medical expenses when no other option exists.** We also appreciate support for our Holiday Program. Food and gifts are distributed to children, adults, elderly, people with disabilities and the homebound. 402 Newington households benefited from the Holiday Basket Program last year!

There are several ways you can support our residents and programs this year:

Monetary Donations

- It is extremely helpful to receive monetary donations for the Holiday Programs/Special Needs Fund (**by early November**), so we may purchase necessary items in time for distributions. Please make checks payable to Newington Department of Human Services and mail/bring to Newington Human Services, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111.

Food Donations

- If you would like to donate food, please contact Carol LaBrecque at 860-665-8595 for further information.

Sponsor a Household Gift Program

- Individuals and groups may also participate in our **"Sponsor A Household Program"**-where you purchase specific gift requests for a household. Please contact Carol LaBrecque at 860-665-8595.

Generic gift donations

- If you would like to donate generic gifts, please contact Karen Futoma at 860-665-8596.

Volunteers are also a vital component to this program.

- If you are interested in volunteering, please join us on **Wed. Oct 5th, 5:00-6:00pm** at the Lucy Robbins Welles Library (Children's Program Room, 2nd Floor). Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Karen Futoma at 860-665-8596.

Scheduling drop-offs in advance will insure staff/volunteer's availability to assist you.

- **Food donations** will be accepted weekdays, (9-4) Monday, Oct 31st through Wednesday, Nov 16th with Nov 17th as Thanksgiving Basket Distribution Day.
- **Holiday gift donations** will be accepted from weekdays (9-4) Thurs, Dec 1st through Friday, Dec. 9th. Evening drop offs are available until 6:30pm on Nov.14th, 28th, and Dec. 8th.
(Gift Distribution will be the week of Dec 12th, so we really need them by Dec 9th).

More information or presentations

- Please contact Karen Futoma at 860-665-8596.

Your support is greatly needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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